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**EOC Spot Report** 

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US Environmental Protection Agency Report as of 4:25 PM EDT, April 3, 2013

**Overview:** On March 29, 2013 at 1706 EDT, Exxon Mobil Pipeline (RP) reported a release of crude oil from a 20-inch pipeline in Mayflower, AR (Faulkner County). The RP's estimate of the amount of oil discharged from the pipeline is 4,000 - 7,000 barrels (bbl). Approximately 440 cleanup personnel are on scene in addition to approximately 50 federal, state, and local responders. Approximately 14,430 bbl of oil and oily water have been recovered on site via vacuuming operations and placed into frac tanks. Removal of oil-saturated soils in residential areas has begun. Fourteen oiled ducks, two turtles, and one muskrat have been recovered for treatment. The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) will provide final approval to a plan to return residents to their homes, which is currently under development. ADH will base its approval on monitoring information from EPA and the RP.

**State, Local and other Federal Agency Actions:** The City of Mayflower continues to recommend evacuation of 22 homes on Starlite Road and Shade Tree Lane. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFW) is providing technical support to the EPA OSC on wetland, habitat, and wildlife issues.

**EPA Actions**: Six EPA personnel remain on scene including the Federal Incident Commander. EPA continuous community air monitoring is ongoing. EPA continues performing oversight of oil recovery in heavily impacted areas and monitoring

containment areas to prevent oil migration into Lake Conway. EPA participated in a meeting with evacuated residents yesterday evening and provided an incident update as well as a timeline for response actions. Funding under the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund (OSLTF) has been increased to fund EPA's and the USFW's activities.

**Media Interest:** Media interest remains high.

The HQ EOC will continue to monitor and provided updates as needed.

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